

Picture Book

Language Arts

Math

My Abuelita

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Readability Level: 2.6

Interest Level: Pre-K - 2

Cultural Connections: Mexican

Summary: In this story, a young boy describes his mornings with his grandmother as she gets ready for work. The clay illustrations and cultural language will have readers guessing what it is that "abuelita" does for a living.

Reading Activity

Write the word Abuelita on the board and explain that it means grandmother in Spanish. Ask the students for all the different names that they have for their grandmothers. Explain that these are all synonyms. Synonyms are words that have the same meaning.

Literacy Activity

Talk to the students about sequence. Explain how that in this story, Abuelita has as daily routine she follows in order to get ready for work. Have the students create a sequence chart of what their morning routines are.

Common Core State Standards:

RL.2.4. Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.

W.2.3. Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.